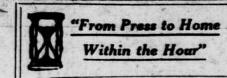
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HUGE TOLL OF LIFE IS TAKEN BY FLOOD IN WEST VIRGINIA Railroad Brotherhoods Insist Used by Representative Ben

More Than 100 Persons Believed Drowned, With \$2,-000,000 Property Loss.

5.000 OF THE SURVIVORS PROBABLY ARE HOMELESS

State Militia and Relief Parties Forcing Their Way to Stricken Mining Camps.

ENTIRE VILLAGES WIPED OUT

Flood, Due to Cloudburst, Gave Little Warning to Those Living in Its Path-Bailroad Communication Destroyed.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Au- and a half for overtime. gust 10.-Twenty-three bodies have been recovered from the learned on good authority that the brothdebris carried down by the flood which swept the Cabin creek valley, near here, yesterday.

Rescue parties have penetrated ome distance above Cabin Journed. Creek Junction, and meager reorts brought back by couriers and from the railroads indicate mate can be made. Belief is expressed that more than 100 are lead. Persons driven from their lomes to the mountains are reterning to find whole villages of mining cabins swept away, while tress and suffering is seen on . ry hand.

companies of the 2d West Viro Cabin Creek Junction, with orders

will go as far as the hastily reovisions will seek out the spots where destitution is most pronounced. justment. the entire length of the valley and did not contemplate that the men would approx t is expected that they will be able to before tomorrow.

Soldiers to Preserve Order.

The commander of the military has on ordered to detail men to guard operty and restore order, leaving many parties which will be in the alley before afternoon,

So great has been the loss that coal

The cloudburst occurred at the headveters of Paint and Cabin creeks and Coal river, and the torrent which surged down Coal river swept its banks almost clean of villages, while the Kanawha river raised several feet, carrying on its crest houses and buildings of all kinds. The Cabin Creek valley has a population of about 15,000. Advices receiver here indicate about one-third of this number are probably homeless.

More than thirty houses were counted passing one point in Cabin creek. Many of the houses crashed into the piers of the Chesapçake and Ohio railroad bridge, which earlier had been washed out, and were demolished. A boy was seen on top of one of the houses. An effort to rescue him failed, and he disappeared in the water. A large bridge on the line of the Charleston Interuran Pailroad Company was washed two mear Cabin Creek junction.

Into matten received at the office of the general superintendent of the Consepacke and Ohio here indicated that conditions on Coal river were little if any letter than those on Cabin creek indicated great property damage but no loss of life there. A local freight train on the Coal river division of the Chesapeake and Ohio was washed away, including three box cars of merchan-Kanawha river raised several feet, car-

MEDIATION MAKES LITTLE HEADWAY

on Full Demands, and Concede Nothing.

BOTH SIDES CONFER WITH FEDERAL BOARD OUR TAX BURDEN

Employes Believed to Prefer to Mediate Rather Than Submit to Arbitration.

NEW YORK, August 10.-The United States board of mediation and conciliation held its first conference today with representatives of the four railroad brotherhoods of employes in efforts to prevent, through mediation, a country-wide strike to enforce the employes' demands for an eight-hour basic day and time

erhoods had shown no disposition to mod-

ment which A. B. Garretson, head of the conductors' brotherhood, was

members of the mediation board. "The that the loss of life has been attuation may be cleared up within twenheavy, although no accurate esti- ty-four hours, and then negotiations may

Brotherhood Unyielding.

The brotherhood chiefs told then

FALSE STANDARD OF MEASUREMENT

Johnson to Calculate Comparative Tax Burdens of Cities.

ALREADY TOO GREAT

The Johnson Fluctuating Yardstick Which, Measuring Falsely, Indicts the Washingtonian as Only Half-Taxed.

No. L.

Editorial Correspondence of The Star. BY THEODORE W. NOYES.

half law is entitled to special considera-This year's repealing rider is in vitalized. And thus, also, Mr. Johnson ments of last year-then unsucc ul-are now renewed and ably condense

trict appropriation bill.

The weight which attaches to Mr. Johnbasic facts and any fallacies in his reaoning to inflict special injury and in-

add not contemplate that the men would approximately and we compare opts as accurate the census-reported of the property of th mediation. One is that the federal moder will be able to get the manager and workers to sign an agreement. Another is that the mediators will be able to get the manager modern. The factor in this standard of measurement with standard of measurement with falsifies it and renders to induce both parties to consent to arbitration, if mediation fails. The third parties to parties to consent to arbitration, if mediation fails. The third parties to consent to arbitration, if mediation fails. The third parties to consent to arbitration, if mediation fails. The third parties to consent to arbitration, if mediation fails. The third parties to consent to arbitration, if mediation fails. The third parties to consent to arbitration, if mediation fails. The third parties to consent to arbitration, if mediation fails. The third parties to consent to arbitration, if mediation fails. The third parties to consent to arbitration, if mediation fails. The third parties to consent to arbitration of the second to arbitration as the total consending to the parties to consent to arbitration as the total consending to the fail t



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r. Johnson's table, using the tax rates forty cities as standards of measur-comparative tax burdens, after rates have been modified by the ap-

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BREACH OF FAITH ON DANISH TREATY ENEMY WITH VIGOR

Senator Stone Demands Inquiry Into Premature Publication of Text.

COPIES SENT THE SENATE UNDER SEAL OF SECRECY

Foreign Relations Chairman Insists Making It Public Was Dishonorable Act.

Investigation of the means by which a confidential copy of the treaty under which the United States would acquire the Danish STORY OF GORIZIA FIGHT West Indies for \$25,000,000 became public was demanded in the Conflict Raging in Isonzo Regions Senate today by Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations

committee. An abstract of the treaty published this morning is believed to have been made from one of twenty-five numbered copies sent to the Senate Tuesday by the State Department, with a letter transmitting a request of the Danish government that the terms of the conention be withheld until the two governments agreed to promulgate them.

The department's communication reached the Senate, in executive session, Tuesday, and was referred to the for ign relations committee. The treaty probably will be considered by the committee early next week, and the administration is confident that it will be ratified before the end of this session of Congress.

Holds Culprit to Scorn.

Senator Stone announced that h ould bring the matter officially before cutive session, which may be held later

tirely different matter. Every senator ing brought in hourly. and every patriotic American can have

was interfered with and ratification prevented several years ago.

"We know," he said, "that a similar treaty was negotiated with Denmark some years ago, and it has been currently reported as an open secret that a foreign government used its influence to prevent its ratification in Denmark. Whether that was the reason the President and the government of Denmark asked that this treaty be held in confidence I do not know, but I do know that when two sovereignties make a request like that the Senate ought to adhere strictly to the rule of confidence."

Committee Copies Sealed.

in a Washington and a New York news-paper today, Senator Stone said that the twenty-five printed copies of the deserted save by great numbers of wounders that the twenty-five printed copies of the in a Washington and a New York newstreaty sent to the foreign relations committee still were sealed today and one of them could have reached the eyes of the newspaper correspondents. "I have just communicated with the Secretary of State," continued Senator Stone, "and he has informed me that of the ten copies sent that department, one is held by him for his own use and the other nine are locked in the vaults of the department."

The present case, Senator Borah of Idaho said, illustrated the inadvisability of considering all treating in second considering all the second considering a

ity of considering all treaties in secret. "This dealing with treaties in executive session is wholly fruitless." as and Senator Borah. "Executive session as very powerful enemy works there, executive session is wholly fruitless," said Senator Borah. "Executive sessions have become a relic of antiquity and should be dispensed with. There is scarcely any treaty that should not be considered in the open."

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agreement proposed with Denmark it pointed time a veritable tempest of

ITALIANS PURSUE **MENACING TRIESTE**

ONE CENT.

About 32,000 Prisoners Taken in Operations of the Past Few Days.

ROME'S FORCES GAINING IN SAN MICHELE SECTION

Successes Registered Also Near San Martino-Boschini Is Occupied.

Has Been Marked by Sanguinary Character.

LONDON, August 10.-News from the Isonzo front indicates that the army of the Duke of Aosta is rapidly following up the notable success won by the Italians in the capture of the Austrian stronghold of Gorizia. It was announced the Duke of Aosta was accompanied by King Victor Emmanuel when he entered the city.

Italian troops are reported in force over the Isonzo, vigorously pursuing the retreating Austrians, whose big seaport of Trieste, twenty-two miles to the southeast, is threatened.

The Italians have pierced the strong Austrian entrenchments northeast of San Michele and near the village of San Martino. They have occupied Boschini. The statement says that more than 12,000 Austrians have been captured in these operations.

About 20,000 prisoners were captured by the Italians at Gorizia, according to an official announcement by the war office. The statement says an accurate estimate is impossible at present as numbers of prisoners are be-

round Gorizia, the city itself was not burned by the Austrians or destroyed by nabitants injured, these, to the number of 20 000, having previously evacuated the city. It was the desire of Gen. Cadorna to save Gorizia from destruction by the retreating Austrians, and to that end he employed strategy. After taking the tino he attacked Gorizia not only from the front across the Isonzo, but also from the sides and rear. When the Duke of Aosta, commander of the third army, who was present during the three days of fighting. Explaining publication of the treaty entered the city after forcing the bridge The duke was accompanied by his cousin the king. The only damage done by the Austrians was that occasioned by their Austrians was that occasioned by their attempts to destroy military buildings filled with large quantities of supplies.

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The Danish treaty, Senator Borah continued, is a "real estate deal."

Senate is Expected to Act

Speedily on Danish Treaty

Ceding West Indian Islands

The treaty between this country and Denmark by which Denmark cedes the Danish West Indies to the United

States for a consideration of \$25,000,000 taking 143 prisoners, but the adver-

Enemy Positions Marked Off.

"Thanks to our aviators and to the observations of battery officers, the positions of the enemy had all been The treaty was signed by Secretary
Lansing of the State Department and
Constantin Brun, the Danish minister,
in New York August 4. Under the is understood that the United States will have no objection to that country's extending its political and economic interests to the whole of Greenland.

The Danish government has requested that the text of the treaty be not made public until such time as the governments of the two countries shall agree to promulgate its terms.

Payment for the Islands.

The fact that \$25,000,000 is the consideration to be paid by the United States leaked out some time are, how
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